

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~[[DNA]]~~ nucleic acid molecule ~~isolated from cotton-~~
~~tissue identified as~~ comprising SEQ ID NO:7.

2-21 (Canceled)

22. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the molecule is provided in a cotton plant.

23. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the molecule is provided in a cotton seed.

24. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 22, wherein the molecule is provided in a progeny plant of the cotton plant.

25. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the molecule is provided in a cotton plant tissue.

26. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the molecule is provided in a cotton plant cell.